City of Coon Rapids 11155 Robinson Drive Coon Rapids, MN 55433

Case # 14-02V

Re: Jenifer Allen 9951 Palm St NW

Coon Rapids, MN 55433 PIN#: 25-31-24-22-0054

To whom it may concern;

August 21, 2013

I am submitting this objection in response to a citation that I received on September 3, 2013 which cited weeds in the yard. There are two reasons why I am objecting to this citation.

The first reason is because the plants were not weeds. I have a vegetable garden that I tend every year. In 2013, I began a Graduate program at the University of Minnesota. I knew that I would not have enough time to tend to my usual vegetable garden. So I planted an organic wheat garden (something I have been thinking about doing for some time). Since I am a novice at wheat gardening, the garden didn't look as "neat and polished" as it usually does.

The second reason that I am objecting to this citation is because I removed the wheat by the date listed on the citation. The citation stated that if the weeds were not removed by a specified date that I would incur a fine. The wheat was gone by the date specified. Initially, I intended to call the City of Coon Rapids and explain that these were not weeds but I was busy and did not get around to it. Instead, I found it easier to simply harvest the wheat (it was the end of the season anyway).

For these reasons I object to the citation. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Jenifer Turner

\$300. Case #14-02V

Received
City of
Coon Rapids
JAN 1 7 2014
Inspection
Department

Property Report

1/22/2014

Report Date:



253124220054 CLOSED PIN: Citation posted at property. GRASS ALONG CURB 7-12" Posted Property. Grass/weeds 8"-14" high. Weeds / Long Grass Weeds / Long Grass COMMENTS COMMENTS Done GAZELKA, MIKE GAZELKA, MIKE GAZELKA, MIKE **Assigned To Assigned To** Actual Start Actual Start 6/23/09 6/16/09 5/22/13 Projected Start Projected Start 6/22/09 PROPERTY ADDRESS: 9951 PALM ST Work Order #52406 Work Order #30942 CITATION ISSUED Inspection followup Inspection 1 Task Name Task Name

Courtesy letter sent. grass has been cut

DRABCZAK, LEYA

GAZELKA, MIKE

HINTZE, CINDY

5/23/13 5/30/13 5/30/13

5/30/13

CITATION REINSPECT

COMPLIANCE

INFORMATION SENT

Files attached to this work order: \ \WorkOrder\52406\9951 palm st 05222013.pdf

Work Order #54434				Weeds / Long Grass
Task Name CITATION ISSUED	Projected Start Actual Start Assigned To 8/21/13 GAZELKA, N	Actual Start 8/21/13	<u>Assigned To</u> GAZELKA, MIKE	COMMENTS Citation posted at property. Weeds on side of yard along 100th Ave 8-48", buckthorn growing in weeds. SECOND POSTING OF THE SEASON. MINIMUM \$150 APPLIES. Previously posted 5/23/13.
INFORMATION SENT		8/21/13	HINTZE, CINDY	Courtesy letter sent.
CITATION REINSPECT	8/29/13	8/29/13	GAZELKA, MIKE	Grass not cut; abate.
ORDER ABATEMENT		8/29/13	HINTZE, CINDY	Emailed work order to Gregg Engle at Public Works to mow property.
CITATION FEE APPLIED		8/29/13	HINTZE, CINDY	\$300
INFORMATION		9/3/13	ENGLE, GREGG	Grass was cut prior to mowing crew's arrival.
COMMUNICATE W OWNER	1/13/14	1/13/14	DEGRANDE, KRISTIN	DEGRANDE, KRISTIN Owner Jennifer Turner 763· 7 called regarding pending assessment. I returned call and
				left a vm.

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August 21, 2013

ALLEN JENIFER 9951 PALM ST NW COON RAPIDS, MN 55433

Address:

9951 PALM ST

COON RAPIDS, MN 55433

Administrative Citation:

#54434

PIN:

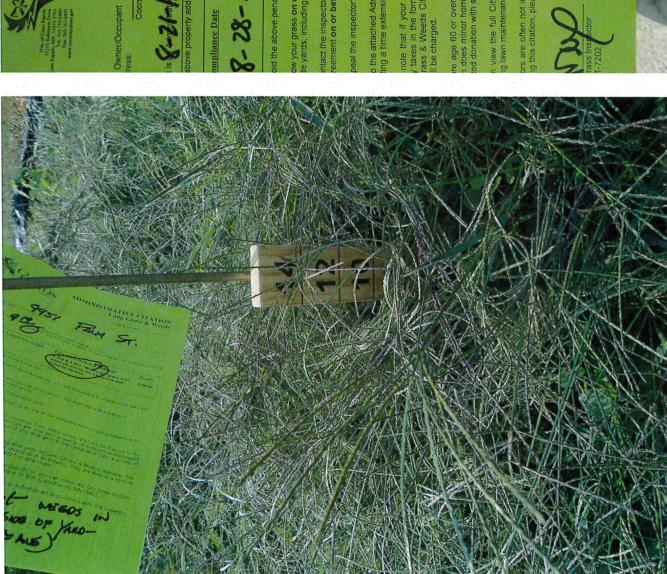
253124220054

Your property in Coon Rapids was recently posted with an Administrative Citation for long grass. In the City of Coon Rapids, grass and/or weeds cannot be taller than 8" in height. Anoka County Property Records identifies you as the taxpayer/property owner of 9951 PALM ST, and for this reason, this letter is being sent to you to ensure you are aware of the long grass citation at your property.

If your property is mowed by 08/28/2013, the \$300 penalty will not be charged. If you have received more than one Administrative Citation for long grass this season, you will be charged a minimum of \$150, even if the property is mowed before the compliance date.

For more information, please refer to the citation posted at your property or call 763-951-7202.

Long Grass Inspector 763-951-7202





Long Grass & Weeds ADMINISTRATIVE CITATION

Property Posted:

9951 Fam St

Rapids City Code Chapter 2-1100.
"M, the following violation of Coon Rapids City Code was found at

impliance Date Violation & Corrective Action

8-502 & 8-503. Weeds a eight (8) inches are a number to moved.

grass over

Penalty

id the above penalty, you must do one of the following

w your grass on or before the Compliance Date noted above. You are responsible to mow the front, back and yards, including any boulevard areas.

act the inspector below to arrange a time extension for compliance. You must sign a time extension ement on or before the Compliance Date noted above.

eal the inspector's decision on or before the Compliance Date.

the attached Administrative Citation Program brochure for the Notice of Appeal form, including instructions for

note that if your property is not mowed by the Compliance Date listed above, \$300 will be charged to the taxes in the form of a Special Assessment and the City will mow your property. If a second or subsequent ass & Weeds Citation is issued within 180 days, even if you mow prior to the Compliance Date, a penalty of

re age 60 or over and need assistance with maintaining your yard, ACCAP Chores & More is available. The idoes minor home repairs, housekeeping and seasonal chores such as mowing. They are done at a nominal ed donation with subsidy for those of need. Call 763-767-6521 to obtain help.

view the full City Code online at www.coonrapidsmn.gov/citycode or you can obtain the City Code Section lawn maintenance at Coon Rapids City Hall at 11155 Robinson Dr NW, Coon Rapids, MN 55433.

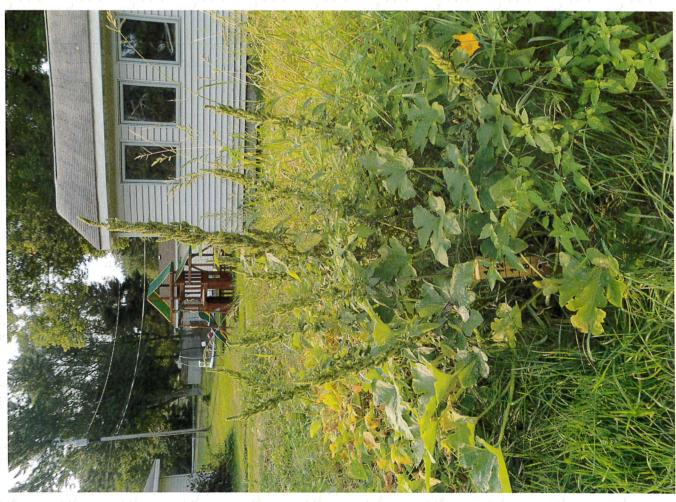
are often not in the office. If you would like to speak with, or set this citation, please call the number below.

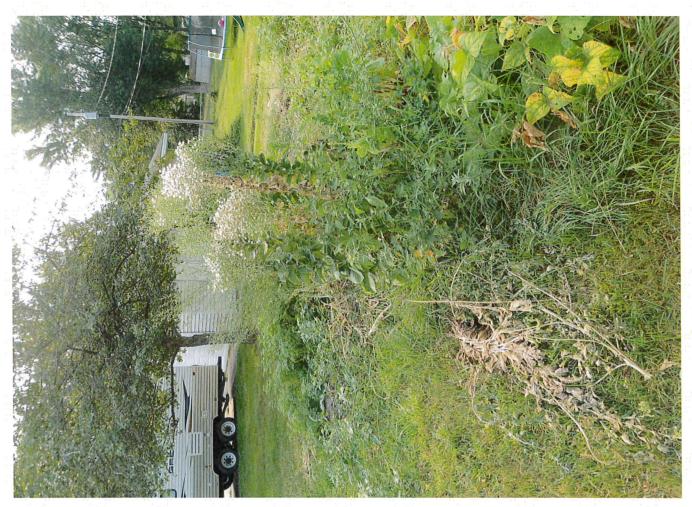
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Long Grass Abatement Order

Date Ordered: 8/29/2013

prior to crew's arrival

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APPEAL SUBMITTED HEARING			
INFORMATION			
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Staff:			Date: 1-3-13 Time:
			Mowing crew Grass was mowed

cut & bagged